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1. [redacted] Albanian Army breakdown:

1 Infantry Division	Based in Tirana
1 Infantry Regiment	Based in the Divri area
2 Infantry Regiment	Based in the Peshkop-Kukes area
3 Infantry Regiment	Based in Tirana. (At present 1,000 non-commissioned officer candidates are being trained in this regiment.)
1 Field Artillery Regiment	Based in Tirana, with one unit in Divri, another unit in Kukes, and a third in Tirana.

2. [redacted] the 50X1-HUM People's Security Division:

Division headquarters	Tirana
One reconnaissance regiment	Premet. (Its sector is the Greek-Albanian border, which is held with four battalions.)
One reconnaissance regiment	Peshkop
One regiment (?)	Shkoder. (It holds the border of the north.)
8 Infantry Regiment	Tirana
One Infantry (?) regiment	Tirana. (It has a unit of heavy artillery in Tirana and the rest of its strength at Shkoder.)

3. The Coast Defense Command is based at Durres with the following units:

65 Coast Defense Brigade	
One regiment	Vlone
Two battalions	Cover the coastal sector from Sarande to the mouth of the Shkumbi River.
One battalion	Saseno

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One regiment	Durres. Covers the sector north of the mouth of the Shkumbi River as far as Shengjin.
Unit heavy artillery	Saseno. (Eight guns, Soviet 220 (sic) mm.)
One battery	Sarande
One battery	Vlone
Unit heavy artillery	Durres
Unit	Shengjin

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4. [redacted] there is a regiment of heavy artillery at Elbasan. [redacted] return to Tirana of 8 Regiment from the Albanian-Greek border on 12 October 1949. When this regiment returned to Tirana an impressive reception was reportedly organized by the Communists in Albania, [redacted] about 100 Soviet officers who had served for a long time in Albania were replaced by new Soviet officers who arrived from Germany.

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